

Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * June 2024



The Christian Origin and History of Father's Day

Did you know that the origin of Father's Day is linked to Christianity? Like other important holidays filled with Christian themes and events, Father's Day, too, was founded to celebrate the ideals of fatherhood set forth in Scripture.

Many of the world's most important holidays are tethered to Christian themes and events. This is obviously true of such days as Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. It is also true of Halloween (Hallowed Evening) which once was closely linked to All Soul's Day.

Father's Day, too, is linked to Christianity in that it was founded to celebrate the ideals of fatherhood set forth in Scripture.

The Origin of Father's Day. The first widely-promoted Father's Day celebration of modern America was held in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910 (a Father's Day had been observed in Fairmont, West Virginia two years earlier with little publicity). The Spokane event was the brain-child of Sonora Louise Smart (Mrs. John Bruce) Dodd. She envisioned an event as focused in special religious services and involving small gifts as well as loving greetings from children to their fathers. She brought up the matter with her pastor and he communicated the idea to the local pastor's association. The mayor of the city and the governor of the state endorsed her concept and issued proclamations in support.

Mrs. Dodd dearly loved her father. When his wife died in childbirth, he was left with six children. Somehow, he overcame the difficulties of rearing them while operating his farm. His devotion to his children sparked Louise's gratitude.

Father's Day was slow to catch on. What Louise had done was not even well known in her own state despite the governor's proclamation. The idea of honoring fathers with a special day was actually reinvented independently in several other places, each locality thinking it was starting something new. Curiously, circumstances led other founders to select the month of June. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson had endorsed the idea and in 1924 Calvin Coolidge recommended national observance of the day "to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligation" and strengthen intimate ties between fathers and children.

The History of Father's Day. Despite these presidential pronouncements, it was 1966 before President Johnson established the third Sunday in June as the date of the celebration. Even so, this was not made official until 1972 under President Nixon.

The ideals of fatherhood are strong in the Bible. Unlike the gods of other religions, the Christian God is portrayed as a loving Father. Christ described God as his own intimate Father and claimed to show in himself what the Father was like. God gave his beloved son for the salvation of the world. Consequently, wherever the Christian ideal has prospered, fatherhood has taken on deeper and more lyrical meaning. The tender appeals of the apostles John and Paul to their "children" helped foster this attitude.

William Jackson Smart's self-sacrificing love for his children led to a National Day of Recognition for all fathers. We have a grateful daughter to thank for that.

"The Christian Origin and History of Father's Day" by Dan Graves, MSL, first published on Christianity.com on April 28, 2010



A Prayer for Father's Day. We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong, and to say "yes" to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives. We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you. May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else. Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

Thank you, God, that your Word is true. We hold fast to you today, we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth. We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength.

In Jesus' Name, Amen. *(by Debbie McDaniel)*



Dear Family of Faith:

Summer is here! I hope that we all have some type of travel plans for this summer, possibility seeing loved ones or just new places, but always keeping Faith Lutheran in our thoughts and prayers.

June is the month for honoring our volunteers! As I reflect on the last year, it is impossible not to be overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you. Your dedication and tireless efforts continue to make a profound impact on Faith Lutheran.

As we look ahead, there are many exciting opportunities for you to get involved and continue making a difference here at Faith.

I hope we can all stay connected to our social media for updates and to let the world know we are here and "Enriching Lives Through Faith and God's Grace"!

Your Fellowship Team will have things to announce in the coming months, so look for their notices of FUN for the summer!

Once again, thank you for all you do to support Faith Lutheran!!!

God's Blessings,

Diane Swarts, Council President



Hunger Never Rests!

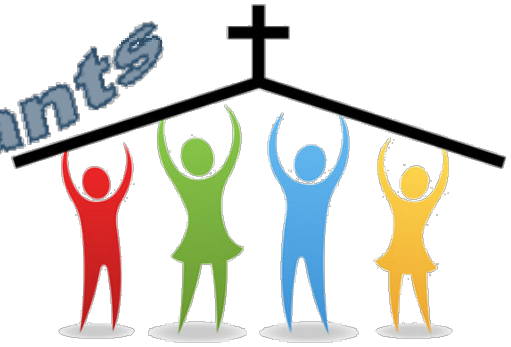
The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of dry spaghetti and canned sauce for June!

Your donations are always welcome and needed! Bring your donations to the church office during our regular hours or you may drop your items off at The Cupboard at 26944 Cherry Hills Blvd (951/301-4414). When you drop off your donations, please inform the Community Cupboard you are from Faith Lutheran. If you are a Thrivent member you may wish to use your Thrivent Action Card to purchase up to \$250.00 of food for the Cupboard. For more information, call Diane Swarts at (949) 500-7986. Diane Swarts - Community Cupboard Liaison



Worship Assistants

June



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Power Point	Ushers	Greeters	Attendance
2nd: Roderick	2nd: Amy	2nd: Lynn	2nd: Annie	2nd: Judy Appel	2nd: Pat O.
9th: Marlene	9th: Bill	9th: Candy	9th: Gina	9th: Lynn	9th: Kandie
16th: Steve	16th: Kathy	16th: Marlene	16th: Judy Appel	16th: Bosingers	16th: Diane S.
23rd: Joanne	23rd: Lorna	23rd: Mike	23rd: Diane M.	23rd: Dave	23rd: Shirley
30th: Candy	30th: Pat A.	30th: Bill	30th: TBD	30th: Mike	30th: Joanne
Altar Guild: 2nd, 9th, 16th: Kandie, Diane M. 23rd, 30th: Marlene, Debbie					

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

Volunteer Service Appreciation Sunday

All members and friends of Faith Lutheran are invited to participate in **VOLUNTEER SERVICE APPRECIATION SUNDAY** taking place **Sunday, June 9th during and after Worship!**

This will be a time to Thank You for what you have done during the last two years and are continuing to do in service to our church and our Lord. We will thank you...

- if you have served on the Church Council or any Committee or Team in any capacity
- if you have volunteered to do any act of service or donated your time in any way at any time
- if you have served in any capacity before, during or after Worship
- if you have participated in the education or faith training of any of our youth or adults
- if you have helped maintain or beautify our grounds or sanctuary at any time
- if you have helped out in the church office in any way
- if you have led, organized, or served on any of the Women of the ELCA activities, boards, officers, kitchen duties, circles, etc.

Following Worship, we will celebrate with a Potluck Luncheon in honor of all volunteers. Please sign up! The smallest act of generosity and/or service is appreciated and we want to honor you!

In Christ's Service, The Stewardship Committee and Worship & Music Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 30, 2024

1. Comments

- a. Member giving continues to run below budget. Expenses are also running below budget. As a result, our Net Operating Income overall is slightly more than projected YTD.
- b. This month, we were able to transfer \$9,625 to the New Pastor Reserve Fund, by charging our Pastoral Expense categories to the full budgeted amount, which makes that money available to move to the New Pastor Reserve Fund.
- c. We've also arranged for Pastor Shane to be available to provide Pastoral Care to our congregation during our transition. If you would like to talk with him, just call the Church Office and Lynn will make the arrangements.



2. Financials Review

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 93.5% (\$11,070 vs \$11,846).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 92.8% (\$45,795 vs \$49,361).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 95.4% (\$22,907 vs \$24,024).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 94.6% (\$77,246 vs \$81,682).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 96.5% (\$17,926 vs \$18,572).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 92.2% (\$69,155 vs \$75,017).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$4,981 vs the expected surplus of \$5,452.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$8,090 vs the expected surplus of \$6,664.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$11,573.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$6,576.





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

June 3, 1945	Judy Adams
June 5, 1949	Sandra Miller
June 6, 1996	Patrick Culp
June 6, 2006	Amy Rae Meckler
June 6, 1955	Candy Pellechio
June 6, 1978	April Quinn
June 9, 1974	Jennifer McGavran
June 10, 1938	Colleen Yarchever
June 12, 2003	Maddie Meckler
June 13, 1938	Dee Seel
June 14, 1984	Jamie Lopez
June 15, 1973	Lesly Culp
June 17, 1945	Diane Swarts
June 25, 1941	Thordis Moe
June 29, 1991	Bryant Holmes



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

June 12, 1965	Dave & Thordis Moe
June 22, 1966	Bill & Susan Brauer



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

The Fellowship Team invites you to enjoy the Ice Cream Sundae Summer Socials! They will be held the last Wednesday of each month throughout the summer from 6:30 – 7:30. Mark your calendars for:

June 26th
 July 31st
 August 28th

Please sign up to enjoy the fun! Bring your friends! All are welcome!





Greetings dear women of Faith!

June is here!! Sending Happy Father's Day wishes to our Fathers, Grandfathers and Great Grandfathers.

Last month for our Women of the ELCA Bible study we studied "After Certainty: Curiosity" a Biblical guide by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. This was the second of the two Bible studies found in our May/June issue of the *Gather Magazine*.

At our June Bible study we will be studying the devotional study found on page 20 of the May/June *Gather Magazine*. The issue of mental health will be spotlighted in the devotional article "Compassionate Companions". The study by Elise Seyfried tells us how congregations can play a role in mental health ministry. May was Mental Health Awareness month. This issue impacts one in five adults in the U.S. Come and join us at the daytime Mary Circle and learn more.

Our evening circle is studying women of the Bible. Come and join that group and find out more about the interesting lives of the women of the Bible.

Select the Circle Bible study time listed below that is best for you and join in the conversation. All women are welcome.

Our June fundraiser. Come join us on **Saturday, June 22**, in the Fellowship Hall for a great day. Our recipient of our fundraising this year will be The CARE Project. This is a non-profit organization created by a breast cancer survivor to emotionally and financially support both male and female breast cancer patients. The Rancho Rockers will be back to entertain us. There will be raffle drawings for gift baskets and gift cards, all followed by lunch and fellowship. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex each Sunday. Note a "save the date" on your calendar. Invite your friends as well and come and join us. Any questions, please call Diane Molina, (858) 349-4230.

Coming up this month:

- Snip and Stitch Quilters:** Thursday, **June 6**, 9-12 noon in the fellowship hall at Church
- W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Tuesday, **June 11**, 1:00 pm at the Church library
- Mary Circle Bible study:** Wednesday, **June 12** 10:00 am at Church
- Snip and Stitch Quilters:** Thursday, **June 20**, 9-12 noon in the fellowship hall at church
- Evening Bible Study:** Thursday, **June 20**, 6:00 pm at church
- W-ELCA Annual Fundraiser:** Saturday, **June 22**, 10:00 am

Planning ahead – Mark your calendar-

- Women of the ELCA General Meeting and Luncheon:** Saturday, **September 21**, 10:00 am
- Pacifica W-ELCA Convention, Oceanside:** Friday-Saturday, **October 18-19**
- W ELCA General Meeting & Christmas Luncheon:** Saturday, **December 14**, 10:00 am

Let us daily: "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good, sing praise to God's name for God is gracious."
(Psalm 135:3)

In Christ's love, Bea Olsen, Women of the ELCA President, cell# 951 370-3600

You are invited!

Faith Lutheran

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, June 22, 2024

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Funds raised for:

The CARE Project, Inc.

(in support of breast cancer patients)

\$15 donation includes:

**Special Speaker, Lunch, Gift Basket Drawing,
Sing-Along with Rancho Rockers & More**



Get Your Tickets Today!

The Endowment Board met Monday May 13th. We had several scholarship applications to review. In the end we awarded scholarships to four individuals of \$700 each.

- William Roy, who is in Seminary at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- EmmaLee Chapman, who is pursuing a career in teaching and counseling
- Mami Bruna Aro Sandaniaina, pursuing a Masters in Divinity at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Nicole Storz attending Dominican University to become a school social worker.



Christmas in July

We will be celebrating our military and veterans and their families in need by collecting gift cards for Target, any grocery store or gas station. The donations go to MilVet of Murrieta, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Please visit our patriotic giving tree in the Narthex from Memorial Day through July. Help our military and veterans if you are able.

Choose a star ornament, purchase the gift card (save any activation or validation receipt), bring it back to church, and place in a provided baggie. Choose a thank you gift for yourself.

Please respond by July 31. Thank you!

Raven Hilden, the founder and CEO from MilVet, will come to speak with us during coffee hour on June 2 to tell us about their work.



We are excited about this new opportunity to spread God's love!

The Outreach Team is Seeking Volunteers!

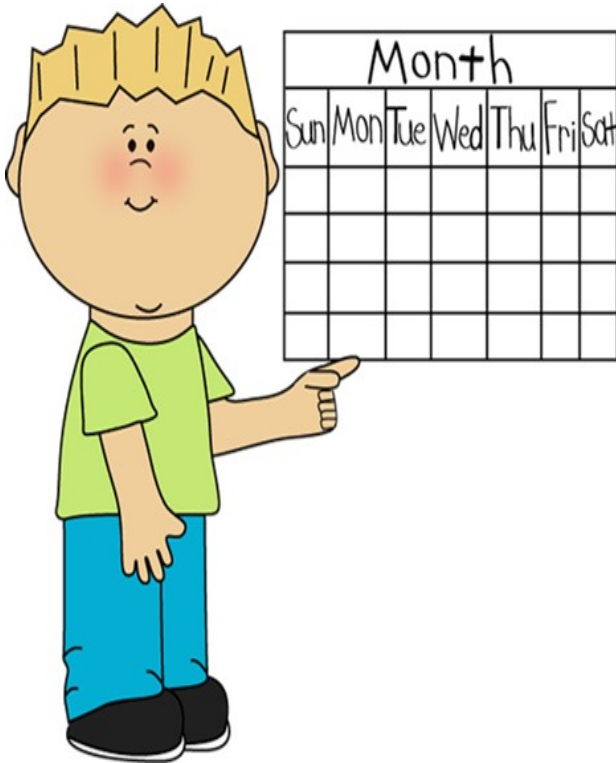
Your Outreach Committee is working hard to lead many outreach efforts and continue to do the work our Lord calls us to in our local community. However, outreach is the work of the entire church body. We are looking for two (2) volunteers for important outreach initiatives. When each of us takes a small active role, we all benefit and what a difference we can make together!!

New Member Coordinator: Do you enjoy welcoming new visitors and members? Are you passionate about seeing our church community grow? Then this might be a wonderful ministry opportunity for you! We have the process and accountabilities documented making this a streamlined role. Want to know more about what this entails? Speak with Candy Pellechio or Kathy Kent.

Pet Blessing Coordinator: Are you a pet lover? We hope to have our annual Pet Blessings event this fall. We need someone who loves animals to coordinate this single event. We have volunteers ready to help. Want to know more about what this entails? Speak with Candy Pellechio or Kathy Kent.

Thank you for considering these ministry opportunities!

To help you plan ahead, this is a list of the events that recur each month:



- Snip 'N Stitch: 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00
- Worship & Music: 1st Tuesday at 10:00
- Strategic Planning: 2nd Monday at 1:00
- Hymn Planners: 2nd Tuesday at 10:00
- Outreach Team: 2nd Tuesday at 3:30
- WELCA Bible Study: 2nd Wednesday at 10:00
- WELCA Bible Study: 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm
- Remembering & Honoring: 2nd Wednesday at 2:00
- 4+1 Group: 3rd Tuesday at 10:00
- Fellowship Team: 3rd Tuesday at 2:00
- WELCA Board: 2nd Tuesday at 1:00
- Stewardship Team: 3rd Friday at 10:00
- Finance Team: 4th Wednesday at 1:00
- Council: the last Monday of each month at 1:00
- Al-Anon: Every Friday at 10:30

"To her, the name of father was another name for love." – Fanny Fern



"Dad: A son's first hero, a daughter's first love." – Unknown

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." – Billy Graham



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June 2024

June 2024							July 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
AM: Roderick; Lector: Amy; PPT: Lynn 9:30am Worship Service		10:00am Worship & Music		9:00am Snip 'N Stitch	10:30am AI-Anon	8:00am Lions Club Insight Program
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AM: Mars; Lector: Bill; PPT: Candy 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Volunteer	1:00pm Strategic Planning	10:00am Hymn Planners 1:00pm WELCA Board 3:30pm Outreach Team	10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study 2:00pm Remembering & Honoring	4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team	10:30am AI-Anon	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
AM: Steve; Lector: Kathy; PPT: Mars Father's Day 9:30am Worship Service		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person 2:00pm Fellowship Team	1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 6:00pm WELCA Bible Study-In Person & Zoom	10:00am Stewardship-In Person & Zoom 10:30am AI-Anon	10:00am WELCA General Meeting & Fundraiser
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
AM: Joanne; Lector: Lorna; PPT: Mike Forecaster Deadline 9:30am Worship Service	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom		6:30pm Summer Ice Cream Social		10:30am AI-Anon	
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AM: Candy; Lector: Pat A.; PPT: Bill 9:30am Worship Service						